

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENT

IN THE ABSTRACT

Amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for preparing graft copolymers of polyvinyl esters by polymerization of

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- a) at least one vinyl ester of aliphatic C₁-C₂₄-carboxylic acids in the presence of
 - b) polyethers which are solid at room temperature and have the general formula I,
 - c) and, where appropriate, at least one other monomer

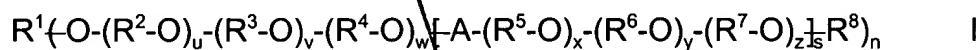
using a free-radical organic initiator system, wherein liquid polyalkylene glycol is used as solvent for the free-radical initiator system (feed).

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A process for preparing graft copolymers of polyvinyl esters by polymerization of

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- a) at least one vinyl ester of aliphatic C₁-C₂₄-carboxylic acids in the presence of
 - b) polyethers which are solid at room temperature and have the general formula I



in which the variables have the following meaning, independently of one another:

R¹ hydrogen, C₁-C₂₄-alkyl, R⁹-C(=O)-, R⁹-NH-C(=O)-, polyalcohol residue;

R⁸ hydrogen, C₁-C₂₄-alkyl, R⁹-C(=O)-, R⁹-NH-C(=O)-;

R^2 to R^7 $-(CH_2)_2-$, $-(CH_2)_3-$, $-(CH_2)_4-$, $-CH_2-CH(CH_3)-$, $-CH_2-CH(CH_2-CH_3)-$,
 $-CH_2-CHOR^{10}-CH_2-$;

R^9 C_1-C_{24} -alkyl;

R^{10} hydrogen, C_1-C_{24} -alkyl, $R^9-C(=O)-$;

A $-C(=O)-O-$, $-C(=O)-B-C(=O)-O-$, $-C(=O)-NH-B-NH-C(=O)-O-$;

B $-(CH_2)_t-$, arylene, optionally substituted;

n 1 to 8;

s 0 to 500;

t 1 to 12;

u 1 to 5000;

v 0 to 5000;

w 0 to 5000;

x 1 to 5000;

y 0 to 5000;

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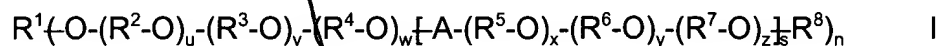
using a free-radical initiator system, wherein liquid polyalkylene glycol is used as solvent for the free-radical initiator.

2. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the solution of the free-radical initiator is added continuously throughout the polymerization reaction time.

7. (twice amended) Graft copolymers of polyvinyl esters which are the products of

the process of polymerization of

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R² to R⁷ -(CH₂)₂-, -(CH₂)₃-, -(CH₂)₄-, -CH₂-CH(CH₃)-, -CH₂-CH(CH₂-CH₃)-,
-CH₂-CHOR¹⁰-CH₂-;

R⁹ C₁-C₂₄-alkyl;

R¹⁰ hydrogen, C₁-C₂₄-alkyl, R⁹-C(=O)-;

A -C(=O)-O-, -C(=O)-B-C(=O)-O-, -C(=O)-NH-B-NH-C(=O)-O-;

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c) and, where appropriate, at least one other monomer
using a free-radical initiator system, wherein liquid polyalkylene glycol is used as solvent for
the free-radical initiator.

8. (amended) Coating agents, binders or film-forming excipients for pharmaceutical
dosage forms containing a polymer produced by the process of claim 1.